

To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing today in support of HJ5, HJ13, HJ34 and HJ95 regarding early voting in the state of Connecticut. Why, in a state that often leads the way in this country, are we one of only seven states that do not allow early voting? Frankly the argument that voters will make ill-informed decisions by voting early is ridiculous on its face. If a person has not made up their mind then they do not need to take advantage of the opportunity to vote early. If a person has made up their mind and cannot get to the polling station on voting day, this provides them with a way to exercise their constitutional right. As the polls showed last election day, there are many districts that can not handle the volume of voters who show up on election day. Is it really more reasonable to require a citizen to wait hours in line to vote than to allow them to vote early? Allowing for early voting helps out these overcrowded polling places as well. That in turn can increase voter turnout overall. Voting is both our right and our civic responsibility. In this day and age, where people are working more, traveling more, and overall simply busier, isn't it our responsibility to enable all citizens the opportunity to vote. This is not a partisan issue and should not be treated as such. Please support HJ5, HJ13, HJ34 and HJ95 and afford all our citizens the opportunity to participate in our democracy.

Thank you for your consideration of my comments.

Respectfully,

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